WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

CLAIM 1. A test system for testing a transaction initiation device of the type having manually operable inputs, a human readable display for displaying messages, memory and a processor comprising:

an interface for converting proprietary signaling within said transaction intitiation device to a standard interface for use with multiple proprietary arrangements, said interface being coupled to provide substitute input signals in place of signals from said device manually operable inputs; said interface being coupled to inputs to said human readable display; and

a computer program operable to access said interface to provide test scripts to said interface to generate said substitute input signals and to receive said inputs to said human readable display.

CLAIM 2. A test system in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:

a trace file for storing each said test script and corresponding display results.

CLAIM 3. A test system in accordance with claim 1, wherein;

said interface is coupleable to said memory; and

said test system comprises a computer program for accessing the contents of said memory for analysis purposes.

CLAIM 4. A system in accordance with Claim 1, comprising;

a test computer coupleable to said interface and operable in accordance with said computer program.